

The story of Two Men: From Hellfire to Paradise

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Chapter 1: Divine Mercy and Human Hope

The Trial of Two Souls in Hell:

According to the narration of Abu Hurairah (RA), the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) said:

“Two men were admitted into the Hellfire. They began to cry out so loudly that their shouting caused a great disturbance.”

Allah said:

“Remove them both from there.”

When they were brought out, Allah asked them:

“Why were you shouting so loudly?”

They responded:

“O our Lord! We were crying out in hope of Your mercy.”

Allah said:

“My mercy has now reached you. Go and cast yourselves back into the same place in Hell where you were before.”

Both set out to do so. One of them immediately threw himself into the fire.

For him, Allah made the fire cool and peaceful.

The other man remained standing and did not throw himself in.

Divine Interrogation and the Hopeful Response:

Allah said to him:

“Why did you not cast yourself in as your companion did?”

He replied:

“O my Lord! I did not do so out of hope that You, having once taken me out of Hell, would not return me there again.”

Allah then said:

“Your hope has been accepted.”

Thus, both were admitted into Paradise by the mercy of Allah.